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VILLAGE LIFE®

# DORDOGNE

September 22 to 30, 2022





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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Join a small group of travelers for this unique opportunity to experience provincial Dordogne, still referred to by locals as Périgord Noir. One of France’s most compelling regions, Dordogne offers centuries-old rituals, epicurean traditions and archaeological treasures that are preserved within a breathtaking landscape of hills, rivers, limestone gorges, and forests. Here, castles tell the story of a different time alongside the region’s extraordinary 25,000- to 17,000-year-old cave paintings—the largest concentration of prehistoric art in the world.

Our carefully curated itinerary and guided excursions explore five UNESCO World Heritage Sites—the lofty ancient pilgrimage site of Rocamadour; the archaeological treasures of L’Abri de Cap-Blanc, Rouffignac and Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil; and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine. Visit the renowned International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux to view dazzling simulations of one of humankind’s earliest artistic creations, known as the “Sistine Chapel of Prehistory.” Exclusively arranged presentations and the VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM provide personal perspectives on contemporary life in the villages of Dordogne.

Fall into the rhythms of everyday life in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of Europe’s most intact medieval villages. Your “home” for seven nights is the PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL, a restored 19<sup>th</sup>-century townhouse. In addition to the included meals in the hotel, dine on regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in authentic French bistros.

VILLAGE LIFE® Dordogne offers a quintessential sojourn through the timeless southwest region of France at an excellent value—and you unpack only once! Our hotel and motorcoach suppliers are health- and safety-conscious and have addressed these concerns. This enchanting educational travel program is exceedingly popular, so book now while space and early booking savings are still available. Book with Confidence! No cancellation fees for new bookings until 96 days prior to trip departure.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz  
Director, National Trust Tours

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Cover photo: Visit the Dordogne River Valley, a rural idyll of hilltop castles and quaint villages.

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## ITINERARY

### *Splendors of Bordeaux*® Pre-Program Option\*

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Arrive in **Bordeaux, France/Sarlat-la-Canéda**
  - ♦ Transfer to Sarlat to check into the PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL. (D)
- 3 **Sarlat-la-Canéda**
  - ♦ Walking tour of medieval Sarlat.
  - ♦ Lecture on the preservation of medieval architecture in Sarlat.
  - ♦ Sample local wine and cheese pairings. (B,R)

- 4 **Rocamadour**®/Souillac
  - ♦ Tour of 13<sup>th</sup>-century Rocamadour.
  - ♦ Visit to quaint Souillac. (B,L)

- 5 **Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil**®/L'Abri de Cap-Blanc®
  - ♦ Visit to the Jardins d'Eyrignac.**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
  - ♦ Specially arranged tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies and viewing of cave friezes of L'Abri de Cap-Blanc.
  - ♦ Sarlat VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM. (B,L)

- 6 **Lascaux/Saint-Amand-de-Coly**
  - ♦ Visit to Saint-Amand-de-Coly.**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
  - ♦ Specially arranged viewing of prehistoric cave art of Lascaux. (B,D)

- 7 **Rouffignac**®/La Madeleine®
  - ♦ Morning at leisure to enjoy individual pursuits in Sarlat, such as the village's quaint twice-weekly market.**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
  - ♦ Specially arranged tour of prehistoric Rouffignac cave and excursion to the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine.
  - ♦ Private evening folk music performance. (B,D)

- 8 **Beynac/Domme**
  - ♦ Tour of 12<sup>th</sup>-century Château de Beynac.
  - ♦ Walking tour of historical Domme.**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
  - ♦ Cruise in a typical *gabare* on the bucolic Dordogne River. (B,L,D)

- 9 **Sarlat-la-Canéda/Bordeaux/**  
Return to the U.S. (B)

### *Albi*® • *Toulouse Post-Program Option*\*

\*Available at additional cost.



## VILLAGE LIFE®

# DORDOGNE

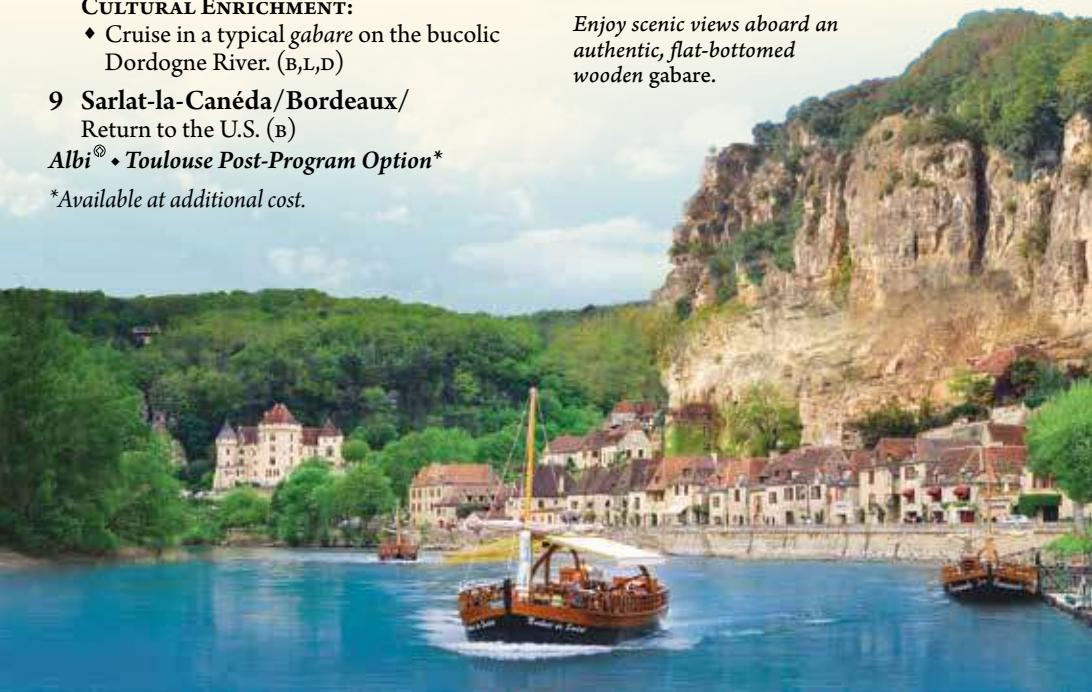


*Dordogne  
Coat of Arms*

The region of Dordogne today appears much as it did to Richard the Lionheart in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. During this comprehensive small-group travel program, experience its character, age-old traditions and scenery seemingly lifted from the pages of a medieval fairy tale. Explore the pastoral *départements* of southwest France, the medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda within the oak-forested *Périgord Noir* and the world's largest collection of magnificent, prehistoric art. Learn more about the cultural heritage of Dordogne—sample Aquitaine wine and cheese in an *épicerie gourmet*, engage with *dordognais* and expert local guides, and visit historic monuments and Paleolithic caves that are premier artistic masterpieces of their era.

This one-of-a-kind, custom designed travel program will immerse you in the pastoral *départements* of southwest France at just the right pace.

*Enjoy scenic views aboard an authentic, flat-bottomed wooden gabare.*





Visit Sarlat-la-Canéda's twice-weekly market, a medieval tradition in the heart of the village.

## Sarlat-la-Canéda, France

American author Henry Miller called Sarlat “the Frenchman’s paradise.” Your charming “village home” is in the pre-French Revolution capital of *Périgord Noir*, a lushly forested corner of the historical Aquitaine region, ideally located between the Dordogne and Vézère Rivers. It is a *bon vivant’s* dream—renowned for truffles, wild mushrooms, strawberries, walnuts and duck—and close enough to Bordeaux to procure the finest wines directly from vintners’ cellars.

Sarlat’s *vieille ville* has one of Europe’s greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17<sup>th</sup>-century façades. Stroll along cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. The cultural heart of Sarlat is the Place de la Liberté, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most storied markets is held, a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** During the course of the program, immerse yourself in the *joie de vivre* of Sarlat. Meet local *dordognais* during the VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM and hear their candid perspectives on contemporary daily life in a medieval village. Attend a private, specially arranged presentation by a local expert on preserving Sarlat’s medieval architecture, enjoy a private 19<sup>th</sup>-century folk music and dance performance, sample regional cheese and wine in a specialty *épicerie gourmet* and savor two specially arranged dinners, each in an authentic French bistro.

## Rocamadour/Souillac

Built on the face of a sheer 400-foot cliff, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rocamadour has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world. During the Middle Ages, pilgrims flocked here from across Europe to perform penance by ascending the 216 steps of Le Grand Escalier on their knees and sought miracles from the sacred 12<sup>th</sup>-century statue

of the Black Virgin and Child at the crypt of Saint Amadour. Embedded in the cliff above the doorway to the Chapelle de Notre Dame is a sword said to be that of the heroic knight Roland.

Nearby, visit the quaint town of Souillac and its 12<sup>th</sup>-century Abbaye Sainte-Marie, noted for its magnificent Byzantine roof domes and treasury of Romanesque statuary and biblical carvings.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Savor a lunch of regional specialties in a village restaurant.

## Jardins d’Eyrignac

Designated a national monument, the Eyrignac Manor, constructed in local golden stone with a slate roof, has been a continuous family residence for 22 generations spanning over 500 years. On this 17<sup>th</sup>-century estate just outside of Sarlat, view what many consider the finest *jardins* in all of France. Originally an 18<sup>th</sup>-century Italian design, the landscape was converted a century later to an English-style coniferous garden and has been immaculately manicured by hand since that time to preserve the topiary patterns.

## Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil/ L’Abri de Cap-Blanc

France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, Les Eyzies is home to fossils of Early Modern Man. At approximately 35,000 years old, these fossils are among the earliest known evidence of human life in Europe.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** The exceptional National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13<sup>th</sup>-century cliffside castle, provides an ideal primer for exploration of the area’s prehistoric sites.

See L’Abri de Cap-Blanc’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated bas-relief sculptures. The finest examples of sculptured Palaeolithic art still in situ, these monumental cave friezes feature life-size images of horses, deer and bison emblazoned across entire walls.



Enjoy an excursion to Rocamadour, the multilevel medieval village built into the side of a cliff, where the famous hermit Saint Amadour sought the sanctuary of the site's Black Virgin and Child statue.

## Lascaux

In 1940, a quartet of schoolboys stumbled onto the Lascaux cave, a UNESCO-inscribed repository of stunning prehistoric art.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Explore a meticulous simulation in the state-of-the-art International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux, which provides a fascinating portal into the history of the site through 600 wall painting facsimiles.

## Saint-Amand-de-Coly/Rouffignac/ La Madeleine

Officially designated as one of the “most beautiful villages” in France, petite Saint-Amand-de-Coly is dominated by the imposing military architecture of its 13<sup>th</sup>-century church. A striking fusion of Romanesque and Gothic styles, evocative traces of the Hundred Years' War remain in the church's ramparts, towers, 13-foot-thick walls and the remnants of its abbey.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** Visit Rouffignac, “Cave of a Hundred Mammoths,” known for its extraordinary Great Ceiling decorated with beautifully rendered friezes of woolly rhinoceros and mammoth engravings and for its scale—approximately five miles of largely unexplored passageways.

Carved beneath a cliff overlooking the serene Vézère River, the prehistoric troglodyte village and UNESCO World Heritage Site of La Madeleine offers unique insight into the semi-nomadic Magdalenian culture, which prevailed in southern Europe from 15,000 to 9000 B.C. Important prehistoric carvings discovered at this site include an antler carving of a bison licking an insect bite.

## Château de Beynac

The fortified Château de Beynac overlooks a medieval village of golden stone houses tucked into the steep hillside. A defensive stronghold during the Hundred Years' War, this masterpiece of medieval military engineering was guarded by Europe's most illustrious figures, including the chivalrous Richard the Lionheart and

Fourth Crusader Simon de Montfort.

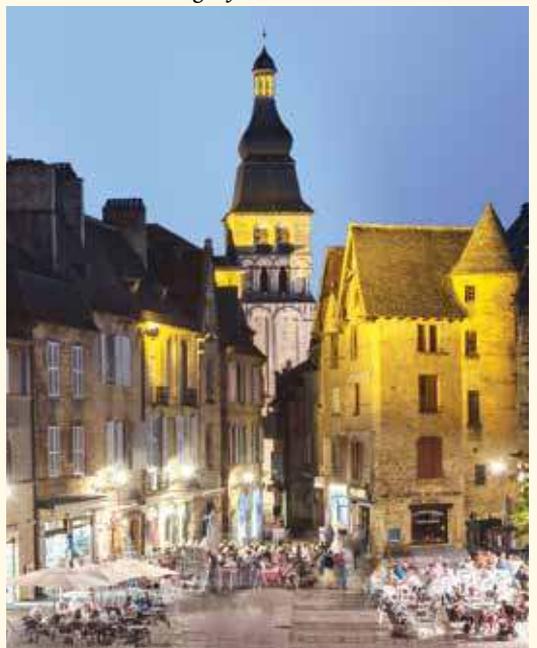
Traverse its elaborate series of stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers and passageways to an eclectic interior decorated with a magnificent 17<sup>th</sup>-century staircase and delicate 15<sup>th</sup>-century frescoes.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Cruise the tranquil Dordogne River aboard a private 19<sup>th</sup>-century *gabare*, traditional *Périgord Noir* transportation for more than 150 years, followed by a lunch of *Périgord Noir* specialties in a local restaurant overlooking the river.

## Domme

Among the “most beautiful villages” of France and affectionately called “The Acropolis of Périgord” for its perch atop a limestone promontory, Domme is an authentic medieval bastide, or fortified village laid out according to a geometric plan. Enter through its original ramparts and see graffiti etched by the Knights Templar on the inner village walls. The beauty of the 13<sup>th</sup>- and 14<sup>th</sup>-century architecture of Domme is surpassed only by its exceptional views overlooking the Dordogne River.

Savor the delights of centuries-old culinary traditions in the medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda.

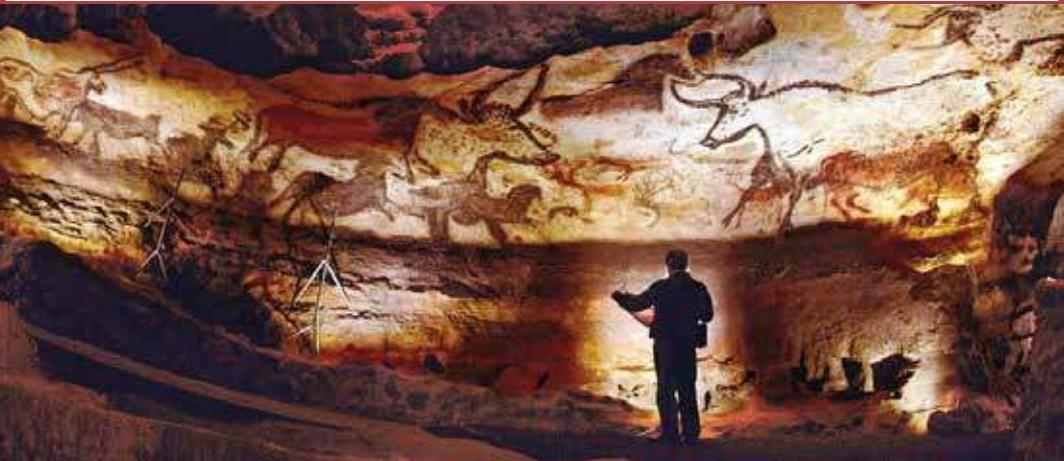


## PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL Sarlat-la-Canéda

Enjoy the traditional pace of VILLAGE LIFE® during your stay in the family-owned PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL—located just beyond the ancient walls of Sarlat-la-Canéda's medieval quarter, a short walk from the village center. A grand 19<sup>th</sup>-century townhouse, this historical *hôtel de charme* marries traditional features with French *esprit contemporain*.

Each of the 39 stylish, air-conditioned guest rooms have been renovated or upgraded and feature two twin beds or one queen bed, private bathroom, individual climate control, satellite television, phone, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar and hair dryer.

The hotel dining room, where continental breakfast is served daily featuring freshly baked breads, pastries and charcuterie, is reserved for the exclusive use of hotel guests. There is a brasserie pub with lounge and private terrace, a *petit* lounge with computer facilities and Internet access, a heated outdoor swimming pool, solarium and spa with Jacuzzi and sauna. The dedicated hotel staff is pleased to provide attentive service.



*The exquisite artistry of the cave paintings in Lascaux has been meticulously replicated for museum viewing.*

## PREHISTORIC ART

You will find the greatest concentration of prehistoric art sites anywhere in the world in the enchanting *département* of Dordogne. Limestone caves and rocky overhangs provided Ice-Age humans with not only shelter, but also a vast canvas for extraordinary paintings. In Lascaux and Rouffignac, the two most well-known caves and both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, extinct aurochs, wild stallions and antelopes painted approximately 25,000 to 17,000 years ago still prance, preen and gallop before your eyes. The original Lascaux cave has been closed to the public since 1963 for preservation purposes; however, the incredible replica in the International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux allows you to experience these thought-provoking cave paintings interactively, providing a realistic, stimulating representation of the exuberant colors that have faded in the original cave.

Rouffignac offers up-close views of over 250 deft prehistoric drawings and paintings that cover a gallery of cavernous walls and ceilings, including the famous friezes of two bison ready to engage each other in battle and 10 mammoths in procession—one of the largest cave paintings ever discovered.

Near the village of Les Eyzies, visit the original Cro-Magnon rock shelter and UNESCO World Heritage Site of L'Abri de Cap-Blanc, showcasing the rare, life-size frieze of horses and bison sculpted in limestone. An expert-guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies helps put this vast network of prehistoric art into context.

*See well-preserved cliff dwellings along the Dordogne River, where prehistoric troglodyte villages once flourished.*



# Included Features

## In Sarlat-la-Canéda, France

- ◆ Seven nights in the charming, family-owned **PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL**.
- ◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- ◆ Breakfast each morning, one lunch and two dinners in the hotel.
- ◆ One lunch, two dinners, each in a specially selected traditional French bistro featuring French country *table d'hôte* menus.
- ◆ Regional wine served with each included dinner.

## Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- ◆ Architectural walking tour of Sarlat.
- ◆ Visit to **Souillac's Abbaye Sainte-Marie** to admire magnificent Romanesque sculptures.
- ◆ Visit to the lush, impeccably maintained 19<sup>th</sup>-century **Jardins d'Eyrignac**.
- ◆ Visit to medieval village and fortified church of **Saint-Amand-de-Coly**.
- ◆ Tour of the medieval **Château de Beynac**.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Domme**, with spectacular views of the **Dordogne River Valley**.
- ◆ Tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in **Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil**.
- ◆ Specially arranged **VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM**.
- ◆ A lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat by a **local historian**.
- ◆ Private, specially arranged *gabare* cruise along the Dordogne River, with lunch in the village of **Beynac**.
- ◆ Viewing of the acclaimed simulations of **Lascaux's** prehistoric art cave at the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux.
- ◆ Local wine and cheese tasting at a Sarlat *épicerie gourmet*.
- ◆ Specially arranged meals highlighting the distinctive flavors of the region.
- ◆ Private 19<sup>th</sup>-century *Périgord Noir* cultural folk performance.

## UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

- ◆ Excursion to 13<sup>th</sup>-century **Rocamadour**, including the Chapelle de Notre Dame to see the Black Virgin and Child.
- ◆ Excursion to see the cave friezes of **L'Abri de Cap-Blanc**.
- ◆ Visit to the prehistoric troglodyte village of **La Madeleine**, site of the Magdalenian period cave paintings.
- ◆ Visit to the impressive **Rouffignac cave**, featuring one of the largest cave paintings ever discovered.

## Always Included



- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to hotel personnel and to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water on motorcoaches during excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



## **Splendors of Bordeaux**

### **Saint-Émilion ♦ Médoc**

#### **Pre-Program Option\***

Long distinguished as the wine capital of the world, France's verdant Bordeaux region has been growing, fermenting and bottling the grape since the eighth century. Tucked away in the heart of the rolling countryside and endless vineyards, visit the charming village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for growing the merlot grape and for its medieval Église Monolithe, one of the largest underground churches in Europe. Spend two nights in a deluxe hotel in the heart of Bordeaux.

## **Albi ♦ Toulouse**

### **Cordes-sur-Ciel ♦ Carcassonne**

#### **Post-Program Option\***

The cobblestone towns and villages of southwest France showcase the region's storybook charm. Experience the classic refinements and medieval allure of Cordes-sur-Ciel, Albi, Carcassonne and Toulouse on this four-night itinerary featuring three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Sample Gaillac wines in a lovely château; explore cherished cathedrals and old-world villages, equal parts storied and spectacular; admire the largest collection of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec's works; and enjoy the bucolic scenery of the French countryside. Accommodations are for two nights each in the HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES and the GRAND HÔTEL DE L'OPÉRA in Toulouse.

*\*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*





Admire the perfectly preserved Château de Beynac, the most authentic and evocative of Périgord's feudal castles.

## LAND TARIFF

Early Booking Savings\* through

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Per person, based on double occupancy\*

**\$3,995**

\$4,595

Single cabins are available in all categories at 160% of the per person double rate.



## DORDOGNE REGISTRATION FORM

### Call to reserve (preferred method):

National Trust Tours phone (888) 484-8785 or (202) 588-6300

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person.

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Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

### Splendors of Bordeaux Pre-Program Option

- Double at \$895 per person.
- Single at \$1395 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

### Albi + Toulouse Post-Program Option

- Double at \$1,545 per person.
- Single at \$1,895 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
- I/We want you to book my/our air from:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in departure city)
- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

**FINAL PAYMENT due June 17, 2022; make by check, ACH, wire transfer or credit card. No land/cruise cancellation fees until 96 days prior to September 22, 2022!**

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